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In Re: Jeffrey A. Koehler et al.  
Case: P45530C1  
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Subject: Apparatus and Method for Synchronization of Multiple Data Paths and  
Recovery from Lost Synchronization

To the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Preliminary Amendment**

Dear Sir,

**In the specification:**

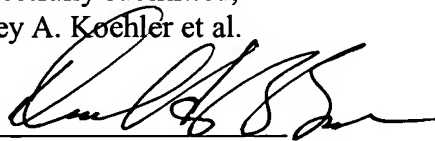
Please add a section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Documents" beginning at line 3 as follows:

The present application is a continuation application of co-pending patent application serial number 09/361,467 entitled "Apparatus and Method for Synchronization of Multiple Data Paths and Recovery from Lost Synchronization", which was filed on July 27, 1999, and which is incorporated herein in its entirety.

If there are any fees due beyond any fees paid with the present application and amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

Respectfully submitted,  
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